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Washington, DC
20250

Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-307

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: May 27, 2008

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 060

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the school nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1:00 p.m., Central time, Tuesday, June 10, 2008**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, June 24, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from September 1, 2008 through November 30, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dried Cherries

8/2 lb.

44,352 cases

No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe>? Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.



Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-307, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated May 2004 or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-307, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV307
 INVITATION : 060
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED
 COMM TYPE : 70 CHERRIES, DRIED
 PACK SIZE : 10 8/2 LB

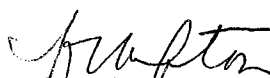
ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/01/08 - 09/15/08					
001	VINELAND	NJ		1,848	_____
002	BIRMINGHAM	AL	TRUCK ONLY	497	_____
	HUNTSVILLE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	689	_____
	THEODORE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	662	_____
003	BIRMINGHAM	AL	TRUCK ONLY	841	_____
	MONTGOMERY	AL	TRUCK ONLY	1,007	_____
004	HOMESTEAD	FL	TRUCK ONLY	1,011	_____
	JACKSONVILLE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	837	_____
005	PACE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	532	_____
	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,316	_____
006	ODESSA	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
007	CONCORDIA	KS	TRUCK ONLY	648	_____
	DENVER	CO	TRUCK ONLY	1,200	_____
008	BRIDGETON	MO	TRUCK ONLY	738	_____
	COLUMBIA	MO	TRUCK ONLY	462	_____
	DES MOINES	IA	TRUCK ONLY	648	_____
009	PORTLAND	OR	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 09/16/08 - 09/30/08					
010	ALTOONA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
011	DARIEN	WI	TRUCK ONLY	738	_____
	EAU CLAIRE	WI		670	
	MILWAUKEE	WI	TRUCK ONLY	440	
012	LITTLE ROCK	AR	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	TRUCK ONLY	924	
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/08 - 10/15/08					
013	BARRE	VT	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	CRANSTON	RI	TRUCK ONLY	924	
014	MAPLEWOOD	MN	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
015	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	3,696	_____
016	OLYMPIA	WA	TRUCK ONLY	1,203	_____
	SEATTLE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	430	
	TACOMA	WA	TRUCK ONLY	215	
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/08 - 10/31/08					
017	NEWPORT NEWS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	616	_____
	NORFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	616	
	RICHMOND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	616	
018	COLUMBIA	SC	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 11/01/08 - 11/15/08					
019	BATON ROUGE	LA	TRUCK ONLY	407	
	NEW ORLEANS	LA	TRUCK ONLY	794	
	SHREVEPORT	LA	TRUCK ONLY	647	
020	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/08 - 11/30/08					
021	AUGUSTA	ME	TRUCK ONLY	924	
	CONCORD	NH	TRUCK ONLY	924	
022	MAPLEWOOD	MN	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	
023	DARIEN	WI	TRUCK ONLY	738	
	EAU CLAIRE	WI		670	
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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				44,352	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				44,352	



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 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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